

Science from Johns Hopkins University, a masters in human and Organizational Systems from Fielding Graduate University, and a Doctorate in Human and Organizational Systems from Fielding Graduate University. That passion for knowledge has continued with her time in my office, as she regularly attends briefings, seminars, and classes. Now you can see why I was so pleased to have her join my staff.

Professionally, Pearl has spent 37 years working for the National Security Agency, doing various jobs for a critical agency in the federal government. Born to two Holocaust survivors, Pearl has always had a passion for helping others. At the NSA she primarily served in roles that pertained to workforce development, working to evolve and advance the skills of future leaders of America. Over the year she has worked on my staff, I can say I have seen personally her passion and talent for developing young minds. The way she has worked with congressional interns and junior staffers to not only help them serve my congressional district, but to cultivate abilities that will serve them down the road has been remarkable to watch.

Personally, Pearl has spent the past 42 years married to Alan Seidman. She has two very fortunate children, Lee and Ross, who are impressive men in their own right. Having the curious mind that she does, Pearl loves to spend her time traveling, going to museums, trying new activities, and, of course, sharing all of her experiences with those who "just need to try it!" A perfect example of her love for expanding her horizon is her decision to move to England, where she wound up living for nine years, until home came calling. For the sake of myself and my constituents, I'm certainly glad she did return.

Having known Pearl for a year now, I can say she is one of the most kind-hearted, passionate, and curious individuals I have ever had the pleasure of having on staff. Her perpetual upbeat attitude and friendly nature have been a tremendous asset to the office, and something that we will all work to carry on as a legacy to her impact on me and my staff. We are sad to see her move on to other endeavors, but so thankful for the opportunity to have worked with her for the past year. Mr. Speaker, please join me in showing our appreciation for the fantastic work Pearl Seidman has provided, not only to the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri, but to the nation as a whole.

TRIBUTE TO GREG GALLION

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Greg Gallion on his retirement after a long, fruitful career as CEO of Houchin Community Blood Bank.

Greg was born and raised in Bakersfield, completing his education at Marymount College in Salina, Kansas. Greg's future in bettering the lives of others was foreshadowed when he moved to Albany, New York, to work with delinquent children at the St. Francis Homes for Boys and Girls. He would make his return home to Bakersfield in 1975, working

for two years at Three-Way Chevrolet and then an impressive 24 years in the title insurance industry. For all of Greg's successes, his greatest impact came with his hiring as Houchin Community Blood Bank's Chief Executive Officer. As CEO, Greg worked tirelessly for 17 years to help local healthcare providers meet the needs of the Kern County community.

Greg saw nothing but potential in Houchin Community Blood Bank and quickly worked to build the company infrastructure and increase the scope of Houchin's presence across Kern County. Greg oversaw the construction of a new headquarters for Houchin in Bakersfield, doubled the number of employees and introduced the use of six-bed buses during blood drives. These actions not only helped put more Kern County citizens to work, but also increased the accessibility of the blood bank as well as better supplied local hospitals. Not content to rest on Houchin's laurels, Greg expanded the company's life-saving services, collecting and providing blood, plasma, platelets, and other blood derivatives. Where some CEOs would be content maintaining a status quo, Greg always strove to innovate for the sake of his employees, customers, and the community he served.

More than anything else, Greg will be remembered as a leader who put his community first, factoring the wellbeing of his patients and clients in every decision he made as CEO. As CEO, he established Houchin's slogan, "people live when people give," words that continue to inspire thousands across Kern County to donate blood each year. Greg's community involvement did not end at his desk, as he maintained an impressive community presence, having led as President of Bakersfield Downtown Rotary and Director of the Kern County Fair Board, as well as active involvement with the Executives Association of Kern County and the Kern Advisory Council for Valley Public Radio.

Greg Gallion departs Houchin Community Blood Bank a stronger and more impactful institution than when he joined it. Through his work, Greg left an unmistakable impression on our community that I know will be felt for years to come. It has been a pleasure getting to know Greg over the years both in his official capacity with Houchin and as a fellow member of Bakersfield Downtown Rotary. While it is the community's loss to see Greg leave Houchin, I know that that he will now have the time to enjoy the things he loves most, such as traveling with his beloved wife of 38 years, Sheryl. I wish Greg all the best as he and his family begins this new chapter of his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, due to personal reasons, I was unable to vote on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 436; YEA on Roll Call No. 437; YEA on Roll Call No. 438; YEA on Roll Call No. 439; YEA on Roll Call No. 440; YEA on Roll Call No. 441; YEA on Roll Call No. 442; YEA on Roll Call No. 443; YEA on Roll Call No. 444; and YEA on Roll Call No. 445.

THANKING ANDREW GABRIEL RENTERIA

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Andrew Gabriel Renteria for his service to my office and the 21st Congressional District of California over the past three years.

Mr. Renteria was born in Fresno, California to parents Rudy and Yolanda Renteria on August 25, 1998. He attended Jackson Elementary and Sanger High School, both located in Sanger, California, where the Renteria family still resides to this day. It was Renteria's experience serving as Sophomore Class Vice President, Junior Class President, and ASB President, that he first became interested in politics. After graduating from Sanger High School in 2016, he went on to attend California State University, Fresno where he enjoyed cheering on the Bulldogs at every chance he got. In May 2011, Andrew graduated from Fresno State with Bachelor of Science in Political Science.

Mr. Renteria has been a member of my team since 2013, first serving as a Field Representative in my Hanford, California office. In 2015, he relocated to Washington, D.C. to serve as my Senior Legislative Assistant, analyzing and drafting public policy to benefit California's San Joaquin Valley. Dedicated to the success of the Republican Party throughout California, Renteria took a leave of absence in 2014 to serve as Field Director for the California Republican Party and again in 2016 to serve as my Campaign Manager. In March 2018, Andrew Renteria returned to Washington to serve as my Legislative Director. In this position, Mr. Renteria brought a wealth of legislative experience and professionalism to my team and has been a very dependable and resourceful advisor and friend. Throughout his career, Mr. Renteria has been an invaluable asset to Team Valadao and the people of the Central Valley.

On January 2, 2019, Mr. Renteria's time in my office will come to an end and he will begin his next chapter serving as Chief of Staff to Congressman BRIAN FITZPATRICK. While I know he is very excited about this opportunity, he will be greatly missed as a member of my team.

Knowing Mr. Renteria, his character, and his work ethic, I have no doubt that he will achieve many great things in his future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Andrew Renteria for his public service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing him well in this next chapter of his life.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FRED M. FEHSENFELD, SR.

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Fred M. Fehsenfeld, Sr., a decorated World War II